

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. WATANABE et al. Confirmation No. 2559  
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For: A METHOD OF AND A SYSTEM FOR RECOVERING  
DATA IN AN INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM  
Group: 2159  
Examiner: Linh Black

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT AND INITIALED FORM PTO-1449**

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Sir:

The Applicants appreciate the allowance of their application. However, Applicants filed an IDS in the U.S. Patent Office on September 27, 2007 that was never considered or returned by the Examiner. A review of PAIR indicates that the IDS was not properly scanned into the Image File Wrapper on PAIR; therefore it was not available to the Examiner for consideration. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Form PTO-1449 originally submitted on September 27, 2007, along with copies of the foreign references listed.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 as an indication that the references submitted therewith have been considered and will be printed on the face of the patent. A copy of the

page found under the "Display References" tab in PAIR is enclosed as evidence that the U.S. Patent Office received the IDS on September 26, 2007.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of BRUNDIDGE & STANGER, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-4888 (referencing Attorney Docket No. ASA-901-02).

Respectfully submitted,

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